

769th Engineer Battalion (Combat Heavy)



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Soldiers of the 769th Engineer Battalion:



From left to right: LTC James E. Boutte and MG John R. Heines

Our assigned engineer projects are continuing on schedule, yet this battalion continues to be tasked with new projects that require our attention. This has forced us to alter our work schedule to accommodate these new missions. Missions that require us to work a seven-day week with staggered days off.

Thank you for having the courage and determination to tackle these new challenges with the same professionalism you have shown me in the past. Since we hit the ground, this battalion was immediately called upon to support base operations; some of which include perimeter security improvements at various camps, ground leveling using crushed rock, and clearing and cutting a new road for fuel truck access to the airfield.

Our families and friends support us back home seven-days a week and take no days off. I encourage every soldier to take the time to contact your loved ones on a regular basis and keep them informed of your progress and accomplishments. They are the true reasons why we are here. This we'll defend.

TiGators will lead the way. Make me proud.

Grounded MIGS

HSC's Equipment Platoon has been tasked with many duties this past month. Among them, transporting Russian MIGS from the south side of the airfield to make way for a new access road for fuel trucks. A small mission by no means.

SGT Arthur Brown is the NCOIC of this project. Good job to everyone working this project.



SOLDIER PROFILE

Each week, this newsletter would like to recognize an exceptional soldier or group of soldiers for his or her commitment and positive work ethic. Please send recommendations to 1LT Townley and the reasons why you think a particular soldier should be recognized.

This week, the newsletter crew chose the entire Communication section. The comms. section is tasked with setting up network internet services and the MWR phone center for the battalion, running phone lines for the office and battalion staff, and setting up databases for SINGAR operations.



Comms. Section

This group of soldiers has made it possible for everyone in the 769th EN BN to keep in touch with their families during this deployment.

Thank you for doing such a wonderful job.

Essays.

A few words from CSM Serio...

Soldiers:

Safety is still our main concern at Camp Cajun. As our time here grows it is important to remember that we are in a hostile environment and must ensure that we are always aware of our surroundings.

Alpha Company troops have begun to arrive. That means more troops will be here and we need to ensure that we maintain our high level of performance with minimal accidents. Do your best to insure your safety and the safety of the soldiers around you when operating the heavy engineer equipment. Continue to wear your seat belts, hard-hats or helmets and use ground guides when necessary.

Call home often and tell your family thanks from me for understanding that you are working hard for your country. I'm very proud of all the hard-working 769th soldiers and have yet to be disappointed.



CSM James Serio



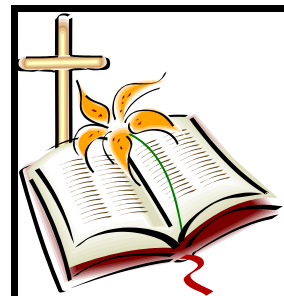
Chaplain's Corner

Back in the days of early television, there was a very popular commercial for Timex watches. The host, a well-known personality named John Cameron Swasey, would torture the watch in every conceivable way. Sometimes, he'd drop it from a building; at other times he'd attach it to boat propellers and immerse it in swirling water. After each "test" he looked at the watch, and announced the following inevitable result: Timex takes a licking, but keeps on ticking!

As I watch our soldiers, I can't help but remember those commercials. Since May, you've gone through a lot of challenging times: activation, deployment to Ft. Polk, certification, outfitting, overseas movement, and Bagram Air Base. And you're still ticking!

I'm grateful for the opportunity to help. So if you get to feeling a bit beat up and jarred by this deployment, I hope you won't hesitate to sit down with me and chat. Let's get through this thing together!

Chaplain Sanders



Camp Cajun Weather Forecast

Friday: 95/62 Sunny
 Saturday: 95/62 Sunny/Dusty
 Sunday: 95/62 Sunny/Dusty
 Monday: 95/62 Sunny



Quote from SFC Choat:

"Always remember we are not here because we choose to be here. We are here for God, those who sacrificed their lives on September 11th, 2001, and for the future of our country. Remember this as the first anniversary of that fateful day approaches."